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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the following numbered paragraphs with the following rewritten paragraphs:

[41] Referring to Figure 7, the front leaf spring attachment system 26 is illustrated. The forward leaf spring segment 56 of the leaf spring 22 preferably defines an arcuate segment 58. The forward leaf spring segment 56 is thinner in width than a rearward leaf spring segment 84 (also illustrated Figure 3). The arcuate segment 58 is essentially a hook or bend of at least approximately ninety degrees to a main longitudinal segment 60 (Figure 4) of the leaf spring 22. The forward segment is relatively thicker in depth due to the additional flexure stress at this attachment location.

[48] The mount 80 is preferably rectilinear in cross-section (Figure 4) to receive a the rearward leaf spring segment 84 of the leaf spring 22. The rearward leaf spring segment 84 preferably includes a substantially planar member of constant width. That is, the mount 80 is preferably a rectangular tube to receive the substantially planar rearward leaf spring segment 84. The rearward leaf spring segment 84 is mounted within a resilient bumper 86 or the like such that direct contact between the leaf spring 22 and the mount 80 is avoided. During flexing of the leaf spring 22, the rearward leaf spring segment 84 of the leaf spring 22 slides within the mount 80 and resilient bumper 86.